

The Door To Your Heart - 07/28/19

TEXT – **John 10:7-9** *Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. 9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.*

INTRO – In the gospel of John there are seven I Am Statements:

Joh 6:35 *And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.*

Joh 8:12 *Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.*

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Joh 10:11 *I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.*

Joh 11:25-26 *Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: 26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?*

Joh 14:6 *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

Joh 15:5 *I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.*

One more is found in Revelation:

Rev 1:8 *I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.*

These metaphors describe the workings of Jesus Christ

Jesus is not a physical “door,” but he is the only way of entrance into the Kingdom of God (**Joh 14:6**).

(1) As the "Good" Shepherd He gives His life for the sheep (**Joh 10:11**) and is, therefore, "the door" by which "if any man enter in he shall be saved." (**Joh 10:9**). **Psalm 22**.

(2) He is the "Great" Shepherd, "brought again from the dead" (**Heb 13:20**) to care for and make perfect the sheep. **Psalm 23**.

(3) He is the "Chief" Shepherd, who is coming in glory to give crowns of reward to the faithful shepherds (**1Pe 5:4**). **Psalm 24**.

(1) “The door into the sheepfold” **John 10:1**. The sheepfold here is not heaven but the nation of Israel (see **Psa 100:1-5**). Christ came to Israel

through the way appointed in Scripture; the porter (John the Baptist) opened the door for Him.

(2) “The door of the sheep” **John 10:7**. This is the door that leads people out of their present fold; in this case, Judaism. Christ opened the way for multitudes to leave the old religious system and find new life.

(3) *The door of salvation* **John 10:9**. The sheep using this door go in and out, which speaks of liberty; they have eternal life; they enjoy the pastures of God’s Word. Satan, through his false teachers (thieves and robbers), wants to steal, kill, and destroy the sheep; but Christ gives abundant life and cares for the sheep.

Jer 17:9 *The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?*

The word heart occurs 833 times in 765 verses

Php 3:10 *That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;*

2 Ti 4:3 *For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;*

Heb 13:9 *Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.*

I. Establish Your Heart In The Word Of God

2 Co 5:17 *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

A. Study the Bible

B. Obey the Bible completely

C. Make the Bible the authority for your life

II. Establish Your Heart In The Work Of God

Neh 2:17 *Then said I unto them, Ye see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lieth waste, and the gates thereof are burned with fire: come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach.*

Neh 1:4 *And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven,*

III. Establish Your Heart In The Worship Of God

Heb 10:25 *Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*

2 Tim. 3:1-7 *This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

2 Ti 4:3-4 *For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.*

Amos 8:12 *And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it.*

John 14:1-4 *Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. 4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.*

IV. Establish Your Heart In The Witness Of God

Acts 1:8 *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

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